

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 15-0322V

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BEATRICE THOMURE,

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Petitioner,

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH

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AND HUMAN SERVICES,

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Respondent.

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Damages Decision Based on Proffer;
Influenza (“flu”) vaccine; Shoulder Injury
Related to Vaccine Administration
 (“SIRVA”); Special Processing Unit
 (“SPU”)

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DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On March 30, 2015, Beatrice Thomure (“petitioner”) filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*,² (the “Vaccine Act” or “Program”). The petition alleges that as a result of an influenza (“flu”) vaccination on October 1, 2013, petitioner suffered a brachial plexus injury. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit (“SPU”) of the Office of Special Masters.

On July 6, 2015, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding petitioner entitled to compensation for a Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration (“SIRVA”). On October 30, 2015, respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation (“Proffer”) indicating petitioner should be awarded \$101,454.00 in actual and projected pain and

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, § 205, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (codified as amended at 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2006)). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, the undersigned agrees that the identified material fits within this definition, the undersigned will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all “§” references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

suffering, and \$1,546.00 in unreimbursed expenses. Proffer at 1. Lost wages were not awarded. *Id.* In the Proffer, respondent represented that petitioner agrees with the proffered award. Based on the record as a whole, the undersigned finds that petitioner is entitled to an award as stated in the Proffer.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, **the undersigned awards petitioner a lump sum payment of \$103,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner, Beatrice Thomure.** The payment consists of \$101,454.00 in past and future pain and suffering, and \$1,546.00 in past unreimbursed expenses. This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under § 300aa-15(a).

The clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey

Nora Beth Dorsey
Chief Special Master

³ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
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**No. 15-322
Chief Special Master Dorsey**

RESPONDENT’S PROFFER OF DAMAGES

I. Items of Compensation

For the purposes of this proffer, the term “vaccine-related” is as described in Respondent’s Rule 4(c) Report filed on July 6, 2015. This proffer contains all elements of compensation to which petitioner would be entitled under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a).¹

A. Pain and Suffering

Respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded \$101,454.00 in actual and projected pain and suffering. This amount reflects that the award for projected pain and suffering has been reduced to net present value. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a)(4). Petitioner agrees.

B. Past Unreimbursed Expenses

Petitioner has submitted documentation for \$1,546.00 in unreimbursed expenses in this case, to which respondent has no objection. Thus respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded \$1,546.00 for past unreimbursed expenses. Petitioner agrees.

¹ Should petitioner die prior to entry of judgment, the parties reserve the right to move the Court for appropriate relief. In particular, respondent would oppose any award for future medical expenses, future lost earnings, and future pain and suffering.

C. Lost Wages

The parties agree that based upon the evidence of record, petitioner's vaccine-related injury has not impaired her earning capacity. Therefore, respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded no lost future earnings as provided under the Vaccine Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a)(3)(A). Petitioner agrees.

II. Form of the Award

The parties recommend that the compensation provided to petitioner should be made through a lump sum payment of \$103,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner. The payment consists of \$101,454.00 in past and future pain and suffering, and \$1,546.00 in past unreimbursed expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

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